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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Final Office Action mailed on January 11, 2008 ("Final Office Action") in the above-identified patent application. The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments preliminary to continued examination in the instant application and consideration of the following remarks. The Applicant also respectfully requests continued examination in the instant application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 7 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 16 of this paper and include the attached four replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this paper.